

## ABSTRACT

The aim of this thesis is to describe and analyse the legal institution of appeal in Czech civil procedure. The goal of this thesis is to provide both – (i.) an overview of the issue of appeal in civil procedure and (ii.) an outline of its practical problems and their solutions. Czech legal order distinguishes ordinary and extraordinary legal remedies. The only ordinary legal remedy according to positive law is the appeal. It represents the most frequently used form of a review of judicial decisions. The legal regulation of the appellate procedure in civil cases is enshrined in Act No. 99/1963 Coll. on the Civil Procedure, as amended.

The thesis is divided into thirteen chapters, each of them dealing with different aspects of the legal institution of appeal. The first one focuses on its historical development. The next chapter deals with the importance of this procedural institution within the framework of legal remedies. Thereafter the thesis provides a general (theoretical) explanation of an appeal. It is the only ordinary remedy in Czech civil procedure. The concept of an appeal in our national legal system is based on the appellate principle. In the current Czech civil procedure the complete and incomplete appellate systems are both determined and applied. The remaining chapters are devoted to the positive legal regulations concerning the appellate procedure and reflect its possible modifications *de lege ferenda*. Subsequently suggestions for improving legislation in this area are drawn as a result of the prior description and analysis.